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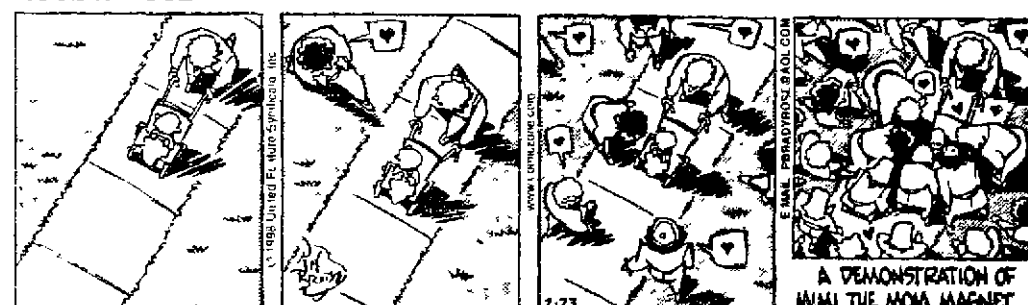
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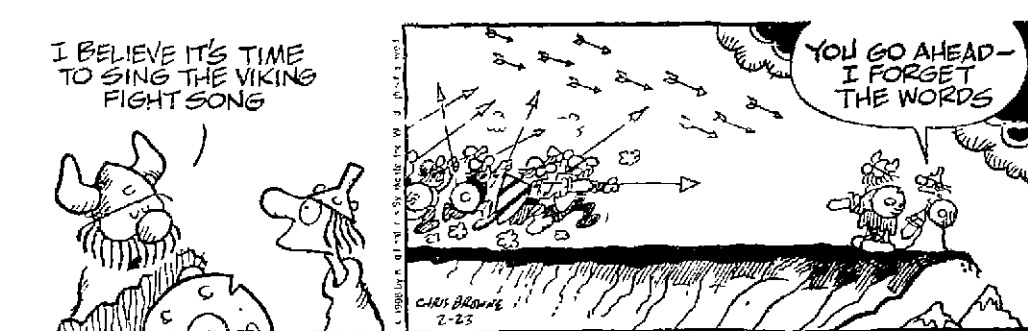
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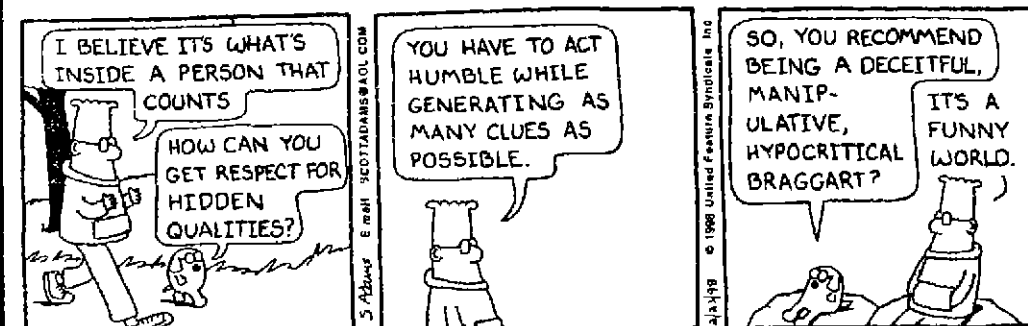
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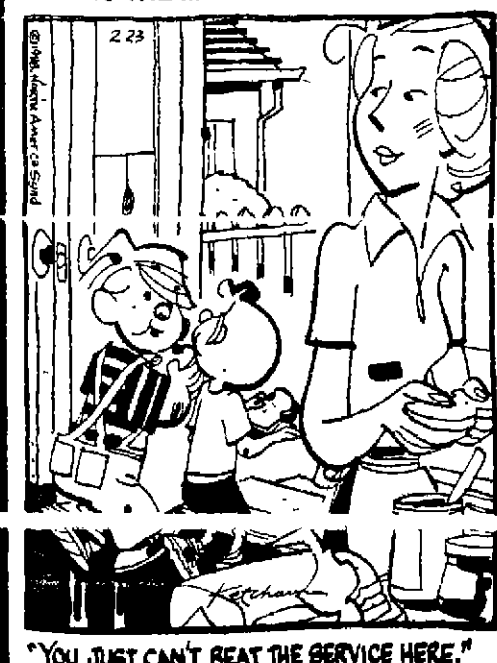
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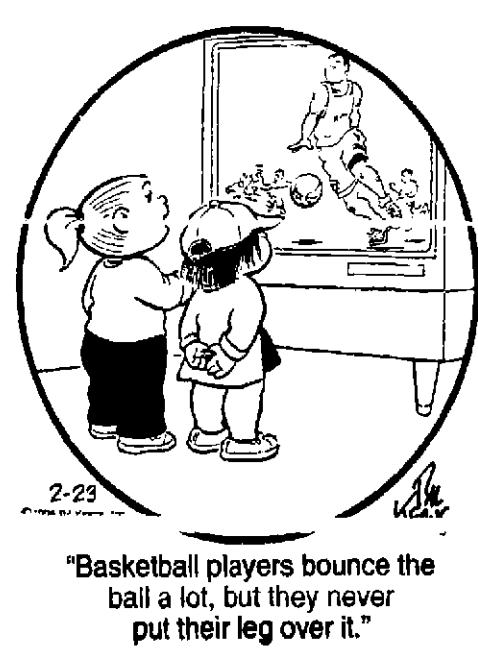
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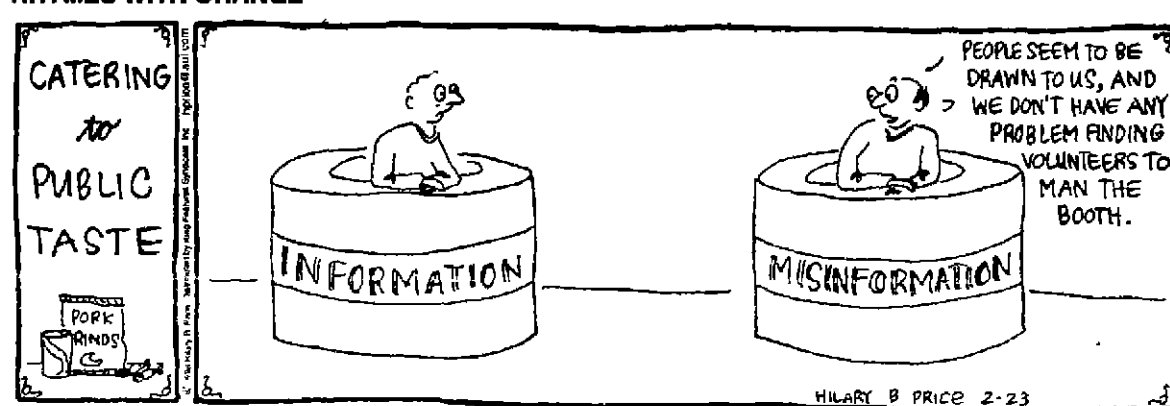
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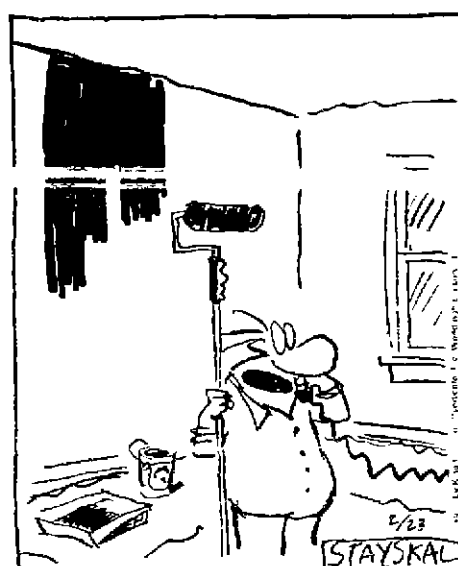
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor **Peter Fonda** is 58. Singer-musician **Johnny Winter** is 54. South African activist **Ellen Rane**, 54. Actress **Patricia Richardson** ("Home Improvement") is 47. Rock musician **Brad Whitford** (Aerosmith) is 46. Singer **Howard Jones** is 43. Actress **Kristin Davis** ("Melrose Place") is 33. Tennis player **Helena Sukova** is 33. Actor **Marc Price** ("Family Ties") is 30. Rock musician **Jeff Beres** (Sister Hazel) is 27.

I NEED HELP



Lars buys a Nordic Track.

SCRABBLE

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chenbers). Judd's Solution Tomorrow 2-23-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Business Terms

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Q N K H D D A X U R K P M J S
G D A X V V S O N K C I F E D
A X V T E Q F O M J O L L H F
C A Y W R E E O R E T A I L U
R P L N T C L J R E S T H F D
B Z X O I I L V G E O I T S R
Q O U S A F D L M C P K E I
H O V F E S U O H E R A W X D
B N Z D Y B H W R V T C S A R
I Q O N L W K I H P F D C T A

Saturday's unlisted clue: SIREN
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: SELLING TO CONSUMERS
Advertise Deal Profit Taxes
Budget Forecast Quote Warehouse
Capital Invoice Sales Wholesale
Cost Loss Stock

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You plunge headlong into your tasks with a ferocity that's astounding. You're determined to get everything done at once.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A minor setback on the job is only temporary. Just be patient.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're running out of patience with that cranky co-worker. But this isn't the time to tell that person off.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It seems no one is in agreement about how to tackle a work project. Before latching onto any one idea, be sure to sort them all out.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) This is generally your most productive day of the week. Take advantage of it.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A busybody pushes your buttons by asking just the wrong questions. Try to take this gracefully.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) For some reason, you're dwelling on past mistakes and being overly hard on yourself.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can make all the excuses you want. But you're not going to get out of that unpleasant task.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) An early morning conversation brings insights into a career concern. Later in the day, you're at your productive best.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're in a romantic mood, so feel free to be openly affectionate with that special person.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don't be so quick to discard what you think is an old-fashioned way of doing things. Sometimes you're wise to stick with the tried-and-true.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You're not pleased with your mate's current plans. However, you're going along like a good sport.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's South thought he saw an easy shot at an overtrick. What he didn't see was the significance of West's play on the first lead of trumps. It was this oversight that might have caused South to throw away his laydown game. South ruffed the third heart and led a low club to dummy's king to take a winning trump finesse. West dropped his singleton nine, a key omen unnoticed by an overconfident South. Naively, South cashed his trump ace, hoping to drop East's king. Not only did the king fail to drop, West's discard derailed South's game, and there was no reprieve. If South continued with another trump East would win and lead a fourth heart, promoting East's last trump to a winner. And if South cashed winners instead, East would score the same two trump tricks. South can negate the poor trump break by making a prudent safety play. After West drops his trump nine, South should discard any hope of dropping East's doubleton king. Instead, South should lead his trump jack after he wins the finesse. If East takes his king, dummy's remaining trump guards against a fourth heart lead. And if East doesn't take his king, South limits his losses to only two hearts and a trump. Careful rubber-bridge players will note another version of the trump safety play. After ruffing the third heart, a prudent South leads his trump 10, rejecting the finesse. If East ducks, South follows with his trump jack, retaining control with his trump ace while a trump remains in dummy to guard against a heart punch.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Electrical overload protector
5 Surrealist Salvador
9 Fodder holder
13 Where to see "E.R." or "Ellen"
14 Archeological site
15 Star Wars director George
16 Oklahoma Indian
17 ——— act (intermission)
18 Portly plus
19 Like dentists?
22 Org. overseeing quadrennial games
23 Neighbor of Syr.
24 Like trampolists?
25 ——— place

24 Friendly Islands, formally
35 Mandolin's ancestor
36 551 in Lullum
37 Bind, as a chicken for roasting
38 Gilbert and Sullivan princess
39 Pre-entree course
41 Martians, for short
42 Espresso of hockey
43 Irish county north of Limerick
44 Film unit
46 Like tree surgeons?
48 Advice-giving partner

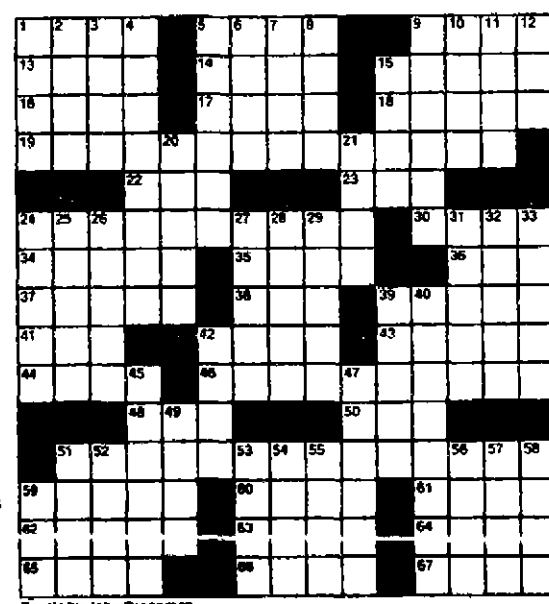
50 German spa
51 Like fencers?
52 "It was the ——— could do"
60 Lifeless
61 "Whoops!"
62 Otherworldly
63 Money drawer
64 It's nothing to Agassi!
65 Bikini, e.g.
66 Exclusive
67 Bridge

DOWN

1 Eat it
2 ——— us a son is given
3 Put in an overhead bin
4 Prime time times
5 Dump water on
6 Jemima, e.g.
7 Art print. Abbr.
8 About
9 Evanston, to Chicago
10 "Original Gangster" rapper
11 Whip
12 Sugar suffix
13 Novelist Anita
14 Smdgens
15 Deep mud
16 Out-and-out
17 ——— cohere

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FRANKOZ TORI
EARBONES BADEND
EVECHART ACIDLY
LON LIONEL EGAN
SNAG REILLY ANA
OSSIE SCOREPAOS
BATIK OLIVET
STILTON ROLLERS
AIRNIES ROMEO
FLO TARDES SELA
RATE WETBAR DAW
OLIVIA AUDACITY
NAMELY DAYMATE
JUNE STEINER



29 Author Calvino
31 Dwight's opponent in '52 and '56
32 Car security device
33 Part of a cassette tape
34 Rapsallion
40 Nick at ———
41 Hive dwellers
42 Nobleman
43 Beany sign
44 Beethoven piano piece
45 Capitol site, with "the"
46 Blooming underwear
47 Restaurant with waffles and such
48 ——— Scotia
49 Beany sign
50 Beethoven piano piece
51 Capitol site, with "the"
52 Blooming underwear

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